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TO USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

AMCONSUL KARACHI

AMEMBASSY ATHENS

C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 186263

BAGHDAD FOR PRIN. OFFICER; DAMASCUS, TEHRAN, AMMAN FOR RSOS;

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: SECURITY COVERAGE BAGHDAD

REF: A) BAGHDAD 1244 (NOTAL)

B) TEHRAN 6719 (NOTAL)

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KARACHI FOR RSS, RCO, ATHENS FOR TSO

1. IN CONSIDERATION OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES (REFTEL A)  
AND IRAQI VISA COMPLICATIONS (REFTEL B), A/SY DESIRES RSO  
AMMAN ASSUME FUTURE PROFESSIONAL SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE USINT BAGHDAD. WHILE RECOGNIZED THAT IRAQI RELA-  
TIONS WITH MOST ARAB BLOC COUNTRIES ARE STRAINED, NEA/ARN

CONCURS AMMAN MOST SUITABLE CHOICE TO COVER BAGHDAD. AIR-LINE SCHEDULING IS EXCELLENT AND POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS DO NOT APPEAR TO BE SERIOUS HINDRANCE.

2. RSOS TEHRAN WILL RETAIN SECURITY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR THE AMERICAN EMBASSY TEHRAN AND CONSULATES ISFAHAN, TABRIZ AND SHIRAZ. INTEND TO TRANSFER BAGHDAD TECHNICAL SECURITY SUPPORT FROM TEHRAN TO ATHENS. WOULD APPRECIATE TSO ATHENS COMMENTS/CONCURRENCE.

3. IN VIEW REFTEL A), RSO DAMASCUS SHOULD CANCEL PLANS FOR

AUGUST VISIT TO BAGHDAD.

4. RSO AMMAN SHOULD PLAN INITIAL VISIT USINT BAGHDAD IN SEPTEMBER, SOON AFTER NEWLY-ASSIGNED PRINCIPAL OFFICER ARRIVES. REQUEST BAGHDAD SUGGEST TIMING AT LATER DATE.

5. FOR KARACHI: RSS INVOLVED IN PREVIOUS DELIBERATIONS REGARDING APPROPRIATE RSO COVERAGE FOR BAGHDAD. AS RSS AWARE, OTHER POSSIBLE CANDIDATES (RSOS KUWAIT AND JIDDA) ARE CHARGED WITH MULTI-POST RESPONSIBILITIES NOT TO MENTION GOK AND SAG POLITICAL/IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES WITH IRAQ.  
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